

THE BUILDING BLOCK



NASFA Conference a Success

First of all, I know what many of you are thinking right now, "What is NASFA?". Well let's clear that up first. NASFA stands for the "National Organization of State Facility Administrators" and is an affiliate organization of The Council of State Governments. Membership is composed of facilities professionals from state government across the United States. The private sector also participates through a Corporate Affiliate Program.

Utah was selected as the host state for this year's annual conference and trade show. This was held June 15th thru the 19th at the downtown Salt Lake Marriott Hotel. Having served as chairperson of the conference committee (thanks Jack for volunteering me), I am pleased with the end results and equally pleased that it is finally over! It was more work than I was expecting and it would not have been a success without the help of many DFCM employees.

The conference itself is developed along three paths; Architectural & Engineering, Real Property, and Operation & Maintenance. Concurrent sessions run throughout each day to offer a wide variety of information and learning. Sessions are presented by both corporate and state members and topics are selected from surveying the NASFA membership.

The conference began Sunday afternoon with opening ceremonies. The attendees received a warm welcome from Lieutenant Governor, Olene Walker. (OK, things actually kicked

off that morning at 7:00 a.m. with an outing to Mountain Dell Golf Course, but I'm still trying to block that from my memory. And if anyone has a line on inexpensive golf balls, let me know. I seem to have lost a few.) The tradeshow followed that evening allowing everyone to visit exhibitor booths, learning about new products and services.

Monday began with a keynote address from Robert Kirby, columnist for the Salt Lake Tribune. For those of you who read his column, he is even funnier as a speaker. This was very well received. (I need to pause here and thank Jack and Priscilla for their last minute effort in making this arrangement.) The remainder of the conference consisted of the professional sessions and final awards banquet.

At the banquet, NASFA presented Jack Quintana with a gift of appreciation for the many years of service he has provided to the organization. Jack has served as president and has filled many other roles throughout the years. I've seen what Jack has contributed to this group and the positive changes that are a direct result of his service. I think everyone should take the time to personally congratulate Jack the next time you see him. (OK Jack, now we're even for the chairperson thing...)

For those who attended, I hope it was a worthwhile experience. For those who didn't, I recommend you consider participating in the future. I can attest to the many ideas and relationships I have gained over the past few years as a result of attending and

participating in this organization. Along with the information learned through conference sessions, the biggest benefit personally, has been the people I have met from other states. Facilities management, development, and real property are handled in many arenas, but working within the public sector has its unique differences. Gaining a network of professional contacts from other states has been the real value that I have received from this organization. More than once I have been able to pick up the phone and bounce an idea or issue off someone I have met. Being in the public sector themselves, they understand the issues and can offer suggestions.

Last but not least, I want to thank those within DFCM that worked behind the scenes in preparing and supporting our effort. These are the people who really made this event the success it was. My thanks go out to Jack, Priscilla, Joyce, Renee, Lisa, Nikki, Alisha, Kathy, Jeff, Dan, Vic, and Joe. Everyone listed above, volunteered time and resources and put in very long days. From planning, soliciting sponsors, preparing materials, shuttle service, and of course hosting the hospitality suite, everything went well. In fact, Joe, Vic, and Jeff did such a great job working the suite that we received an inquiry from the State of Kansas, host for 2003, asking if we would rent these three out to them for next year.

So, what do you think we could get for them?

Article submitted by Bruce Whittington. Thanks Bruce!

DFCM EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT THE SECOND QUARTER DIVISION MEETING

S'ean Crawford, Rachael Neal and **Kyle Keysar** were acknowledged for their efforts in walking the A/E's, program directors, and others through the e-bidding process. With the construction season moving fast, CAD Services developed a record nine bid CD's in time for distribution on the Tuesday after Memorial Day. They collected drawings and specs and learned to program the software. The extra effort put forth by CAD Services resulted in all of the jobs being completed without the need to work over the weekend.

Alvin Crown, Dave Latter, and **Ryan Jensen** changed out the ballast to electronic, relamped to T-8's, and repaired or replaced tombstones on three different buildings. Their efforts saved the State of Utah a great deal of money which will be realized over the upcoming years with lower energy costs.

Alisha Mitchell was hired as an Intern and is being recognized for her extraordinary work ethic. She enthusiastically takes every job with a bright smile and is always eager to learn new systems and go the extra mile. She is self-motivated. She did an excellent job in compiling the roofing management information into a readable and workable spreadsheet. Alisha has been very diligent in all of her responsibilities including having

to learn roofing terminology. DFCM would like to acknowledge **Jerry Plooster** and **Roger Dixon** in their efforts in re-keying four office buildings. They were responsive to an emergency situation, and performance was critical to the overall security of these facilities. Jerry and Roger's work and communication with the tenants were outstanding.

DFCM and the Downtown Complex would like to acknowledge **Chris Herrmann's** efforts at the Region III AP&P Office. A Letter was written by Phil Kirk, the Regional Administrator, who wrote: "Chris goes that extra mile in doing his job. He is thorough and takes pride in his work. I can see that the building is well cared for. Having spent numerous years in other facilities, I can tell you that it's a pleasure to have someone like Chris on hand."

Roger Farris has been recognized for improving communications, work-flow, and employee morale. Roger is a great teacher and willingly shared his knowledge of finance, FINET, Excel, etc., making many employee's jobs easier and more productive.

Roger helped streamline the procedures used through Finance, helped other agencies comply with new finance policies with DFCM, and even acted as intermediary with Fi-

nance. He has gone the extra mile with the "Fixed Asset" Project, pulling in this information from every agency in the state. Way to go Roger!

Sue Smith was recognized for her efforts in successfully coordinating the revisions of DFCM's general conditions through several iterations in the past months. Sue has handled a significant change in workload as the boiler plate documents have changed and expanded with the changes to our procurement policy. Despite increased challenges and a heightened workload, the quality of our procurement documents has improved. Thanks to her efforts, and her timely, thorough, and accurate work product the process of advertising a project and producing procurement documents is much easier for her coworkers.

Cheryl Searle is always willing to put in the hours needed to complete a task even under difficult circumstances. One of Cheryl's accounts is the Rio Grande Café. She had to notify the proprietor that DFCM may not be renewing his lease, and then, later on, renegotiate the terms of a new lease without letting him know that the new lease was going to be signed. This had to be accomplished confidentially and in such a manner as to cover every eventuality. It turned out beautifully. Thanks

for a job well done!

Congratulations goes out to **Lynn Hinrichs** for his hard work in coordinating the construction of the Fountain Green Fish Hatchery. There was a great deal of concern when the contractor was selected. The contractor was not the highest rated firm, but had a very aggressive construction cost proposal, and as such was selected. The construction has been rated a success and will provide millions of fish to be planted in the lakes and streams of Utah every year. Some of the success is due to Lynn's management of the project.

DFCM would like to acknowledge **Larry Reynolds** and **Kevin Healey** for the efforts in installing a security camera and card reader access system in the BCI Building in Taylorsville. The work was completed in about a week's time at a cost of under \$18,000. A

contractor would have charged a minimum of \$25,000 and would not have completed the project so rapidly and with minimal disruption of BCI's 24-hour operations. The tenants are extremely pleased with the finished product, the cost and speed with which was so professionally carried out.

Shannon Lofgreen was acknowledged for the outstanding work in arranging and organizing the VBS training seminar for architects, engineers, and contractors. This involved a tremendous amount of coordinating and documenting. Shannon did an exceptional job. Way to go!

Harold Boone was acknowledged for his exceptional work on the Capitol Complex. During the current renovation project Harold has been working very closely with Jacobsen Construction in the demolition of the site area. With 30 years of knowledge of where every-

thing is located on Capitol Hill, Harold is much more accurate than any set of "as-builds." On three separate occasions Harold has prevented the contractor from cutting into the wrong lines, and has made sure the contractors know where the different lines are running around the construction site.

This is invaluable for all parties concerned. We have seen that Harold's knowledge of the Capitol Complex is essential to the completion of the east and west expansion buildings.

Congratulations go out to **Frank Lilly!** His knowledge and expertise are essential in keeping the VBS process running with minimal glitches. Frank continues to go the extra mile to see that everything is covered in each and every selection. Thanks Frank!

DFCM would like to thank **Kent Beers** for serving as the Incentive Committee chair. Thanks Kent!

BILL BRINKERHOFF SELECTED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER!

DFCM recognizes Bill's excellent performance in preparing for the upcoming rate committee review by analyzing every rate to recommend adjustments for the FY2004 budget year. Additionally, with the identified budget shortfall, DFCM was requested to identify additional cuts to be made during FY2003. This required an additional review of the FY2004 recommendation for

adjustments. Bill completed this within one day of the request being made, and DFCM looked impressive as a result. Bill is always prepared to handle situations such as this and has complete and accurate information when needed.

Also, this past quarter was the time when all Operating and Maintenance (O&M) agreements for FY2003 are reviewed and prepared for signature by the agencies. This process involves preparation by the contracting section and

then review by both accounting and facility coordinators for accuracy. This process went smoother than any previous year and these O&M's were completed ahead of schedule.

All of this has taken place during the consolidation of the accounting staff, and Bill has managed his staff extremely well during the process. Bill is a valuable asset to our division. Congratulations, and thanks for a job well done!





GUESS WHO???

Hobbies: Reading true crime stories

Heroes: My children

Favorite Color: Pink and purple

Favorite Food: BBQ Ribs

Favorite Song: Any song by Shakira

Favorite Movie: Mi familia

Favorite Team: Don't have one not into team sports

Favorite Sport: boxing

Least Favorite Food: Any type of seafood.

Favorite TV Show: Friends

Favorite Actor/Actress: Jimmy Smits and Angelina Jolie

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Notable Achievement: Donating a kidney

Congratulations to Joe Ligori for guessing the spotlight from last months newsletter. The Guess Who spotlight from June was Sean Crawford



**Three cheers for the
Red White and Blue**



— For Your Information

Division Updates

Acknowledgements:

Kent Beers has resigned as chair for the Incentive Committee. He will be replaced by Nick Radulovich. Thanks Nick, we know you will do a great job!

The Incentive Committee would like to welcome **Kurt Baxter** as the newest member. Thanks Kurt for accepting this assignment.

Promotions:

Marla Workman and **Kathy Baker's** position have been reclassified to Contract Coordinator, congratulations on your promotions!

Farwell:

Eric Bevan has left the South County grounds crew to pursue a career with IHC. Good Luck with your new job!

Ed Crow is retiring after almost 14 years of service to the State of Utah. An open house will be held in his honor.

Date: July 18, 2002

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Place: 450 So. State Street
**Scott Matheson Courthouse
Executive Dinning Room inside the cafeteria on the first floor.**

Please join us in wishing Ed a happy retirement.

*Contributions from staff are
always welcome!
Writing/editing by
Debi Tripp and
Shannon Lofgreen
Additional contributors listed
with article
with articles.*